U. C. S. EXAMINATIONS.—GENERAL TEST.

The 15th January 1874.

Candidates whose names have been registered for the approaching Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination to be held at Bangalore, are informed that the General Test Examination will commence on Monday, the 9th February at 10 A. M., precisely.

Candidates should present themselves at the High School, at half past 9 A. M. each day; but all those who have previously passed one or more branches of the test should *not* attend on the first day.

The Examination will be conducted under the superintendence of the Officiating Principal of the High School.

The attention of Candidates is called to the following rules :—

(1).—No Candidate will be allowed to quit the Examination Room on any day until the expiration of half an hour from the time fixed for the commencement of the Examination, and Candidates arriving after the expiration of that half hour will not be admitted.

(2).—No Candidate will be allowed to re-enter the Examination Room, during the hour of Examination, after once quitting it, nor to leave the room without finally giving up his answer papers.

(3).—Any Candidate detected in speaking to, or in any way communicating with, any other candidate, will be at once removed from the room, and the circumstance be reported to the Commissioner.

(4).—*No Candidate will on any account be allowed to take into the Examination Room, books or papers of any kind.* Any one detected with such in his possession, or having recourse to any unfair practices, will be removed from the room, and the occurrence be reported to the Commissioner.

(5).—A Candidate having completed his paper will rise from his seat and remain standing until the Superintendent takes his answer papers. Any Candidate wishing to ask any question will pursue the same course, but will on no account leave his place.

(6).—Any paper sent up without the Candidate's name and number affixed will not be examined.

(7).—Candidates will not be allowed to take any papers, except their question papers, out of the Examination Room.

(8).—Candidates are forbidden to tear up papers, or to throw papers on the floor. All "spoilt copies, &c.," should be left on the desk where the Candidate has been writing.

(9).—Candidates will be allowed to retain their question papers.

L. RICE,
Offg. Director of Public Instruction,
Mysore and Coorg.

ASHTAGRAM DIVISION.

The 14th January 1873.

The following appointments have been made by the Commissioner of the Ashtagram Division:—

M. F. Kuppusami Chetti, 2nd Clerk, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mysore District, to be Head Peshkar of Mysore, on probation for 3 months.

K. Ramachandar Rao, 3rd Clerk, Ashtagram Division Office, to be 2nd Clerk, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mysore District.

Gopalaiengar, Maramat Clerk, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hassan District, to be 3rd Clerk, Ashtagram Division Office.

Gopalaiya, Judicial Head Munshi, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hassan District, to be Maramat Clerk in the same office.

C. N. Chaudaiya, Acting Peshkar of Mudagere, to be Judicial Head Munshi, Hassan District Office.

T. CLERK, *Offg. Commr.*

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

NOTIFICATION.

Camp Sagar, dated 5th January 1874.

Notice is hereby given that the toddy, ganja and opium contracts of the Shimoga District for the year 1874—75, from 1st April 1874 to 31st March 1875, will be sold talukwar to the highest bidder by public auction to be held at Shimoga, on the 12th March 1874.

The annexed statement shews the revenue under the above items for the past five years.

Taluks.	Toddy.					Ganje.					Opium.	
	1869—70	1870—71	1871—72	1872—73	1873—74	1869—70	1870—71	1871—72	1872—73	1873—74	1872—73	1873—74
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Shimoga	1,001	1,110	1,210	581	985	120	171	220	251	275	Total Amount of the District.	31
Channagiri ...	8,500	11,150	13,070	12,710	11,220	1	5	19	1	6		1
Honnali	725	905	1,020	1,075	740	4	11	10	18	25		18
Shikarpur ...	1,001	1,670	1,400	991	1,400	160	100	205	165	165		22
Anantapur ...	260	250	303	331	381	25	38	71	58	59		1
Sorab	2,501	2,605	2,500	1,905	2,305	250	225	265	232	300		6
Sagar	435	606	850	536	827	36	161	262	260	270		7½
Nagar	600	135	190	301	360	3	3	1	10	10		...
Kavaledurga ...	145	176	355	198	300	2	2	10	11½	20		1
Total.....	14,168	18,607	20,898	18,628	18,518	601	716	1,063	1,006½	1,130	101	87½

Terms of Sale.—Immediately after a taluk is knocked down, the highest bidder shall deposit an amount of two instalments of his bid, failing which the taluk shall be put up again at his risk. The highest bidder shall within one month from the date of the sale of the contract, give tangible security for the due performance of his contract, the security being a resident of this Province, and possessed of property, and approved of by the Amildar of the Taluk in which he resides ; failure to give such security shall entail the resale of the contract, the first bidder being made liable to make up any loss that may thereby be sustained by Government. The contract bonds and security bonds should be executed on stamp papers of the value laid down in Section 5 of Schedule 1 of the General Stamp Act.

3. The farm shall be made over to the highest bidder on 1st April, provided a Muchalika is (in due form on stamp paper) executed before the date, giving security as above stated and depositing the amount of two instalments.

4. The Darkhastdar shall within the 20th of each month pay into the Taluk Treasury without fail the amount of the instalment due for that month according to the terms of his contract bond, failing which the farm will be put up to sale again at the risk of the defaulter, the loss that may thereby be caused being made good by the amount of deposit and by the property of the Darkhastdar and his security.

5. It is left to the Commissioner of Nagar Division to accept or reject the tender ; if the tender be not accepted, the deposit will be at once returned.

6. Under instructions conveyed in the Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 312 of the 14th November 1871, local cess at the rate of half anna in the rupee will be levied in the unsurveyed taluks on the khists on payment of the amounts into Treasury, while local cess at the rate of one anna will be levied in the surveyed taluks, under instructions received from the Commissioner of Nagar Division in his letter No. 788, dated 27th December 1873.

7. In default of payment into the Treasury on the prescribed date, besides the farm being dealt with as mentioned in para 4 of this notice, the Darkhastdar will moreover be made liable to pay interest on the arrears at the same rate as for land revenue dues, *i.e.*, half pie per rupee per diem.

8. In surveyed taluks the date trees on occupied lands are the property of the ryots, who can remove them at pleasure, but they cannot draw toddy from such trees, and are obliged to make arrangements for this purpose with the Government Contractor who alone enjoys the right to draw and sell toddy. In inam villages, wherein the inamdars' right to toddy has been recognized, they are likewise to make arrangements with the Government Contractor for the drawing and vending of toddy from trees situated in those villages, or themselves vend the toddy by obtaining a license from Government.

MAHOMED HUSEN BINTURI,
For Offg. Dy. Commr.

Mean Meteorological Results from the Records of the Bangalore Observatory for the Week ending 26th December 1873.

Barometer (reduced to 32°)		27·012
Thermometers (daily means) ...	Dry ...	66·1
	Wet ...	58·2
Extremes in shade, dry bulb	Maximum	78·2
	Minimum	57·1
Dew point		...
Humidity		63
Sun Maximum in Vacuo		129 4
Minimum on Grass		52·9
Wind	Direction ...	N. E. by E.
	Velocity ...	103
Rain (Inches)		...
Percentage of clear sky		79

Deaths in the Town and Cantonment of Bangalore during the Week.

Estimated Population ...	Males ...	72,298
	Females ...	70,215
	Total.....	142,513

Diseases.	M.	F.	Total.
Cholera	...	...	...
Small-Pox	...	...	...
Fevers	7	4	11
Bowel Complaints	1	...	1
Suicide	..	...	...
Wounding	...	...	...
Accident	...	...	...
Snake-bite or killed by Wild Beasts..	...	...	...
All other Causes	12	25	37
Total.....	20	29	49
Births during the Week.	42	32	74

Deaths in the Town of Mysore for the Week ending 26th December 1873.

Estimated Population....	Males ...	29,055
	Females ...	28,710
	Total ...	57,765

Diseases.	M.	F.	Total.
Cholera	...	...	...
Small-Pox	...	...	...
Fevers	9	9	18
Bowel Complaints	3	4	7
Suicide	...	...	...
Wounding	1	...	1
Accident	..	...	...
Snake-bite or killed by Wild Beasts...	...	...	...
All other Causes	...	1	1
Total.....	13	14	27
Births during the Week.	8	13	21

5th January 1874.

J. B. RANKING,
Dy. Surgeon-General, I. M. D.

SEASON REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1873.

Kolar District.

Rain.—The average fall of rain in the District during the past month was very scanty, only 72½ cents having been gauged in Kolar on the 3rd and 18th December 1873. The weather was rather foggy and chilly.

Lands.—Lands paying an assessment of Rs. 385—12—6 were newly taken up for cultivation, against Rs. 1,088—10—10 in November 1873, while no lands were relinquished during the past month.

Crops.—The crops sown during the month was Vaisak paddy in almost all the taluks and jola and Bengal-gram in the Goribidnur Taluk. The standing wet crops are in a thriving condition, but the dry crops have suffered to some extent from want of seasonable rain. The principal crops harvested during the month were Kartik paddy, sugar-cane, ragi, horse-gram, and sáme.

Health.—The public health has been on the whole good during the past month. The number of deaths was 724, against 665 in November 1873, as per following particulars :—

	In Nov. 1873.	In Dec. 1873.		In Nov. 1873.	In Dec. 1873.
From Small-pox ...	30	20	From Accidents and injuries	11	14
„ Fever ...	346	382	„ Other diseases ...	222	244
„ Bowel complaints	56	64			

There were no cholera cases during the past month.

Cattle.—The total number of deaths among cattle was 2,772, against 2,149 in November 1873. The particulars are given below :—

	In Nov. 1873.	In Dec. 1873.		In Nov. 1873.	In Dec. 1873.
Cows and Bulls ...	623	591	Horses ...	7	5
Buffaloes ...	201	338	Asses	23	21
Sheep and goats ...	1295	1817			

Prices.—The average selling price of the principal food grains during the past month is given below as compared with November 1873:—

	In November 1873. Seers per Rupee.	In Dec. 1873. Seers per Rupee.		In November 1873. Seers per Rupee.	In Dec. 1873. Seers per Rupee.
Wheat ...	8½	8½	Jola ...	32¾	30
Rice (1st Sort) ...	14	14¾	Navane ...	60	58
„ (2nd Sort) ...	16½	16¼	Harugu ...	64	64
Sajje ...	40	42	Ragi ...	46	43¼
Horse-gram ...	20¼	20	Salt ...	10¾	10¾

B. KRISHNAIENGAR,
Dy. Commr.

Shimoga District.

Rain.—A little rain fell in some of the Taluks; in Shimoga 25 cents were gauged, 1 inch and 20 cents in Nagar, and 5 cents in Channagiri.

Crops.—In the Channagiri Taluk some of the standing dry crops are reported to have been slightly damaged owing to the unseasonable fall of rain, in the others they are reported to be in good condition. Bengal-gram was sown in the Channagiri Taluk.

Health.—Good; there were 403 deaths reported, against 455 last month; fever and cold prevalent in some of the Malnad Taluks. Births registered 366, against 395 of the month previous.

Cattle.—The mortality amongst cattle is reported to be 663, against 589 of the month previous, 75 having been destroyed by wild beasts.

Prices.—On the decline.